Cuba Missle Crisis -- Khruschev Remembers 2/24/72

By the time I reached the break in this chapter, I couldn't believe it had been written by anyone who in any way participated in the events, least of all by the man who created and controlled them. The simple factual error is inconceivable. The reason or reasons may be in question, but the facts are not unless, by the time he reached this point, he was getting senile.

Virtually none of the detail is accurate. The sequence of events is wrong. The means of communication is never once right. Even the time is not given and the period covered is wrong. Several of the things Kh in his right mind would never have forgotten are tarlely missing. Without deep thought these are the accidental overflight os Siberia at the height by an American U-2 and the second package he offered, a brilliant maneuver, having to do with Turkey.

A certain amount can be attributed to age and normal forgetting. But when he can be and is explicit for the period 40 years earlier, is it possible to believe he could not be for such dramatic events 1/6 that far in the past?

I will not now take time to think the possible explanations through or to make extended notes. I have marked up the book instead. The errors are so gross a simple mark is all that is required.

Aside from the book being a fake, which is not easy to conclude, although there are other questions like this and of rather great magitude, there is the possibility he had unclear ulterior purposes. I can't think of any that required the amount and character of this error. The Robert Kennedy parts are, I think, fictitious.

One comment on the entire book to this point: it was written by a man dominated by two interests: USSR/Europe and ruining Stalin. The material about east Asia is both dubious and exceedingly brief.